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Floods action group launched

Three survive horror crash

The mangled remains of the BMW and the Mazda **Code NA**

THIS was the aftermath of a horror crash involving a BMW X5 and a Mazda 3 on Red Cat Lane, Burscough on Bank Holiday Monday (May 6).

It is believed that the BMW, driven by a man, hit the parked Mazda at about 8.45pm, resulting in the mangled wreckage pictured here.

Incredibly, no–one is thought to have been seriously injured in the incident.

The North West Ambulance service confirmed that three people were involved in the collision. One taken from the vehicle was uninjured, a woman had minor injuries from her seatbelt and a man suffered spinal and arm injuries which were described as "non life–threatening."

Photographer John Head, who lives nearby, was alerted by the emergency lights and took this picture. He told the Champion: "I went out and saw the aftermath of the crash. I heard there was no one seriously injured which is unbelievable."

• A man has been arrested on suspicion of drink–driving and bailed pending a hearing at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on May 21.

COUNCILLOR IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST ROW

Report by **Henry James**

A CAMPAIGNING voluntary group whose avowed aim is to 'reduce and recycle' waste has accused a local councillor of having a "serious conflict of interest" over the Whitemoss landfill site and called for him to stand down from public office.

Members of ARROW Northwest have voiced concerns that Councillor David Sudworth, who represents Derby ward on West Lancs Borough Council, is working for a marketing company that produced the website polling residents' views on the proposed expansion of the site on White Moss Road South, Skelmersdale.

But Cllr. Sudworth, who is also the portfolio holder for health, leisure and community safety, called the claims "scurrilous" and said he had not, and would not, take part in discussions within council on Whitemoss.

The Whitemoss consultation website www.whitemoss–consultation.co.uk/ was designed by Brandfly Marketing. According to Brandfly's own website, www.brandfly.co.uk/meet–the–team.html, David Sudworth is listed as a PR associate of Brandfly.

Meanwhile, Cllr Sudworth's declaration of interest section on the council's website lists him as belonging to charity, the Whitemoss Community Fund Advisory Group/Grantscape. But there is no mention of a commercial interest with regards to Whitemoss.

As reported in the Champion last week, Whitemoss Ltd. have applied for an extension through the national infrastructure planning process and residents are being consulted on proposals for an extension to the landfill site.

Any decisions on the proposals will be made by government ministers, advised by the Planning Inspectorate, who, in turn gather information from statutory consultees such as the borough council, Lancashire County Council and West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper MP.

Anti–waste campaigner Del Ellis of ARROW claimed: "This is a clear case of conflict of interest. We have a leading borough councillor who is working for Brandfly which is providing services to Whitemoss Ltd. If the application is successful, the two companies could benefit from any support that might be given to the application by both councils.

"We believe that Cllr. Sudworth should stand down. He can't promote Skelmersdale with one hand, dump on it with the other and be in a position to possibly profit from the decision himself."

However, Cllr Sudworth, who last week failed in a bid to be elected to Lancashire County Council, said:"These assertions and the tone of them are scurrilous, unwarranted and regrettable.

"None of the local authorities,

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MP's surgery dates

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper will be holding advice surgeries throughout the constituency in May as follows:

Friday, May 10 at Up Holland Library and Community Room; Friday, May 17, at Malthouse Business Centre, Ormskirk; Friday, May 24 at Tesco in Burscough; and Friday, May 31 at Greenhill Community Centre in Skelmersdale. To make an appointment you can email rosie@rosiecooper.net, call 01695 570094 or write to: Suite 108, Malthouse Business Centre, 48 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1QR.

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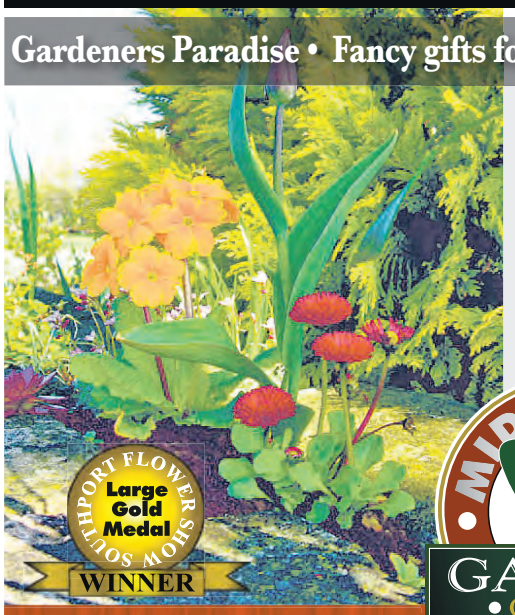

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Rotary club's cash boost for children's charity

Easter chicks sales campaign raises £866 – with more than a little help from 'chief knitter' Sheila!

A VOLUNTARY group set up to help parents and carers of children with additional needs living in the West Lancashire area has been given a financial boost, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Ormskirk–Clocktower.

Rotary club members raised nearly £900 by selling hand–knitted Easter chicks on behalf of local charity, ONEVOICEwestlancs which aims to provide a regular meeting place where experiences, information, advice and support can be shared and where parents can contribute to shaping future services for their children.

'Chief knitter' was Sheila Prescott from Burscough, who although not a Rotary member, knitted hundreds of chicks. Members then supplied the finishing touches by sewing on eyes and beaks.

Also lending their support to the venture were Tesco and Morrisons who, along with Rotary members, donated creme eggs to fill the chicks.

The eggs were sold in various locations, including GP surgeries, schools, Hartley's Garden Centre and Halsall pharmacy, raising a grand total of £866.

ONEVOICEwestlancs will put the money towards their TIME2GETHERActivity Program which enables parent carers and their families to meet together in a fun, non–judgmental, social environment.

For further information on the charity contact Victoria Bown, lead parent for ONEVOICEwestlancs, on 07423 392694 or via email at onevoicewl@hotmail.co.uk. Alternatively you can log into www.facebook.com/ONEVOICEwestlancs

• ABOVE: Pictured at the cheque presentation are (left to right): Rotarian, Sue Wilson; Linda Curtis (parent carer); Victoria Bown (lead parent & chairperson ONEVOICEwestlancs); Suzanne Flynn (parent carer); Sheila Prescott (chief knitter); Julia Johnson (Face2Face Befriending co–ordinator); Rotarian, Angela Redwood and Adam Ainscow (children's centre outreach worker).

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Councillor in conflict of interest row

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"including the borough council, are the decision–making body in this matter, they are among a number of consultees.

"I have registered my profession, as required of all borough councillors where applicable, in the borough council's register of members' interests alongside other required declarations.

"I have not, and would not, take part in discussions within council on this matter. It is important to note that councillors right across the country, including in West Lancashire, regularly temporarily withdraw from matters which come before them in their capacity as an elected member. This happens for a variety of reasons, including when it relates to their profession, yet they are still perfectly able to continue performing the duties of elected office.

"It is regrettable these assertions have been made, as is the way in which they have been presented.

"My priority as a borough councillor has always been to work hard all year round in carrying out my public duties with pride, diligence and commitment, and I shall continue doing that."

Labour make three gains in elections

Report by
Henry James

THE Labour party made three gains in the Lancashire County County council elections in West Lancs.

A total of eight seats in the borough were contested in the county polls last Thursday, May 2.

Nikki Hennessy won Ormskirk West from Robert Bailey (Conservative); Cynthia Dereli took West Lancashire West from the Tories and John Fillis took Skelmersdale East from another Conservative, Carolyn Evans.

Labour also retained Skelmersdale Central and Skelmersdale West, while the Conservatives retained West Lancashire East, West Lancashire North and West Lancashire South.

In the Digmoor borough council by–election Labour's Chris Wynn secured the seat with 685 votes, ahead of Peter Craine (Green Party) with 57 and Edward McCarthy (Conservative) who came third with 47 votes.

All 84 seats were contested as the county went to the polls for the first time since 2009 but no party achieved the 43 required for overall control. The new make–up is as follows: Labour 39 seats, Conservative 35, Liberal Democrat 6, Independent 3 and Green 1.

Phil Halsall, chief executive of the county council and returning officer for the election, said: "As no party has a clear majority, the main parties will need to consider the options for the future political governance of the council.

"These discussions will take place as a priority and an announcement will be made as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper was happy with the outcome despite Labour failing to secure an overall majority.

She said: "Here in West Lancashire, Labour delivered great results in which we gained three seats although it is disappointing that the party didn't quite gain enough seats to take overall control."

Martin Mere tribute to former manager

Report by
Danielle Thompson

MARTIN Mere Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust has re–named one of its popular attractions in memory of a highly–regarded long–serving former employee.

Pat Wisniewski, who started working at Martin Mere in 1983 and became manager in 1991, was responsible for the creation of the 183–acre reedbed, which will now carry his name, from agricultural land. He also created the Harrier Hide that allows visitors to see marsh harriers, reed buntings and, more recently a cetti's warbler, for the first time up close.

A special ceremony to mark the occasion was held at the Burscough attraction on Wednesday, May 1 and heard moving tributes to Pat, who passed away in 2008, from WWT chief executive, Martin Spray and former chairman of the Friends of Martin Mere, Wayne Shields.

Wayne said: "Naming the reedbed after Pat is a fitting tribute that will allow his name and achievements to live on forever at Martin Mere.

"Pat's interest in natural history had its roots in his childhood when he began to build up menageries of unusual and exotic creatures. He was gifted with an outstanding intellect and vision, wrote numerous books and was runner–up in the UK final of the Radio 4 Natural History Brain of Britain competition.

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"It was an honour to know Pat and this is a perfect tribute to him.

Other developments at Martin Mere which owed much to Pat included an annexe to the visitor centre, the greenwood building, the longest hide in Europe, the Pond Zone, the floodlit viewing of wild swans, the beaver enclosure at Martin Mere and investment in equipment to bring birds closer to people and a junior bird club.

As well as instigating a number of events for the public he also set up a volunteer team with more than 100 members.

For more information on events at Martin Mere visit www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere

Louise Wisniewski , Martin Spray and Wayne Shields in front of the Harrier Hide Code NA

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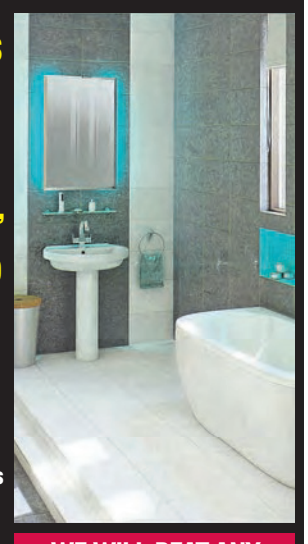

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Flash floods in Skelmersdale in 2010 Code NA

Teaming up to tackle flooding

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Residents urged to join action group

LOCAL residents are being urged to join an action group formed to investigate ongoing flooding problems in West Lancs.

The Environment Agency and Rosie Cooper have joined forces to set up the West Lancashire Flood Action Group with the aim of looking at the issues caused by flooding and ways to combat them.

And the West Lancs MP, who has held Flooding Forum meetings to talk about the issues, encouraged residents to join the group.

She said: "I've seen first–hand the devastating effects that flooding has on people's homes and across communities.

"The clean–up can take months. We need to work to ensure that people's homes are better protected and that there is clearer communication. It is important to act now, we can't ignore the problem."

Andy Brown, Lancashire & Cumbria flood and coastal risk manager said: "It is vital that action groups are community–led and it's great to see residents from across West Lancashire joining together to form such a group. Together we will work to reduce the risk."

The action group also has the backing of the borough council. A spokesman for WLBC said: "The council takes flooding issues and the effects they have on residents' lives very seriously and in December 2012 approved a contribution of £5,000 towards the setting up of flood action groups.

"The groups provide a useful link between strategic partners and affected residents whereby flooding issues are investigated with the benefit of local knowledge and grant funding for property–level resilience measures can be applied for to the Environment Agency, if deemed necessary.

"We hope to work closely with the groups and will feed information to them as and when appropriate.

"The council is aware of meetings between Rosie Cooper MP, statutory agencies and local residents on flooding issues.

"We understand Lorraine Fullbrook MP, who represents the borough's northern parishes, has also been discussing flooding issues with Lancashire County Council, local councillors and the Environment Agency."

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Councillor takes to streets in protest over bedroom tax

Report by **Henry James**

ONE local politican is taking his opposition to the government's so–called bedroom tax to the streets – literally.

Skelmersdale North councillor Neil Furey has launched his one–man campaign against the controversial measure by pitching a tent at various locations across West Lancs.

Councillor Furey claims that the coalition government's changes to housing benefit, as a result of which claimants have to pay for 'spare' bedrooms, could lead to some residents in the borough being made homeless.

He commented: "I have organised this protest to raise awareness of what might happen to tenants who cannot afford to pay their rent because of the bedroom tax.

"Tenants on a low income and those who are disabled or unemployed are facing some very difficult financial problems as a direct result of government welfare reforms.

"Earlier this month I demanded the council condemns this policy and agree not to commence eviction proceedings against tenants who fall behind with their rent as a direct result of the bedroom tax.

"Sadly, the ruling Conservative group voted against this, so tenants who will struggle to pay could end up being thrown on to the streets. Conservative councillors showed little concern for the plight of tenants and are carrying out the coalition government's dirty work.

"The bedroom tax is simply an attack on poor and disabled people, many of whom will have no choice but to pay. To avoid being thrown on to the street most will forgo other things, such as food or heating to cover the shortfall in their benefits.

"So when it comes to the bedroom tax there can be absolutely no justification for it. I will continue to campaign against the bedroom tax and highlight the consequences of this hated policy."

Cold Feet and Fast Show star set to headline at Burscough comedy night

A STAR of TV, stage, film and radio is to appear at The Ha Ha comedy club in Burscough.

Actor and comedian John Thomson, probably best known for his role in popular comedy–drama, of Cold Feet as well as The Fast Show and as a long–time collaborator of Steve Coogan, will be at the Wharf on Friday, May 24 with Richard Massara who has an adult themed set.

John Thomson has enjoyed success in film, television, theatre and radio.

He began his career while still at college voicing the puppets on the satirical TV progamme Spitting Image.

After winning the Perrier Comedy Award in 1992 with Steve Coogan at the Edinburgh Fringe, he went on to work and write with Coogan in the Paul Calf video diaries: Three Fights, Two Weddings And A Funeral. This show went on to win a BAFTA.

He later played Joe Beazley in Knowing Me Knowing You and also featured as the pub landlord Ken in Men Behaving Badly.

He stuck with his comedy roots and played a multitude of characters on BBC 2's The Fast Show from 1994 to 2001.

However, Thomson is probably best remembered for his portrayal of Pete Gifford in the multi–award winning Cold Feet for which he was nominated for best actor at the comedy awards.

More recently he has joined the cast of the BBC school–based drama, Waterloo Road and Parents with Sally Phillips on Channel 4.

Richard Massara is the winner of two comedy awards, Real Radio XS Comedian 2012 and was the Frog & Bucket Preston New Comedian in 2012.

Jack Evans and Will Setchell will provide support. The MC on the night will be Red Redmond.

Doors for the night will open at 8pm, with the show starting at 8.30pm.

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John Thomson **Code NA**

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Chance for swimmers to make a splash for good cause

A CHILDREN'S charity is calling on West Lancs swimmers to take the plunge for a worthy cause.

The Great North Swim, the UK's biggest open–water swimming event, will be held from June 14 to June 16 on Lake Windermere.

With half–mile, one–mile and two–mile courses, the event caters for swimmers of all abilities and Action for Children fundraiser, Helen Noble said:

"This is a chance to experience open–water swimming in a safe environment and raise money for vulnerable children so we hope people from Lancashire will take part in aid of Action for Children."

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Bond themed ball raises £3,000 in memory of Jen

Lydia Hale (Jen's daughter and organiser) and Tim Hvaal. Photographs courtesy of Stuart Rayner Code NA

Report by **Henry James**

A CHARITY ball in memory of a Mawdsley woman who died from cancer has raised more than £3,000 for a trio of worthy causes.

Jennifer Hale died in October 2011 from breast cancer aged just 53.

Her death prompted family to set up the Jennifer Hale Fund in her memory to raise funds for three charities – Macmillan Cancer Support, Breast Cancer Care and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

The first Jennifer Hale Charity Ball, with a pink theme, was held last year.

This year's second ball, staged at Wrightington Hotel & Country Club last month (April) had a 007 James Bond theme and raised more than £3,000 for the fund.

That takes the total raised to date in Jennifer's name since she passed away to £12,000.

Lydia Hale, Jen's daughter and organiser of the second charity ball, said: "I would like to say a massive thank–you to everyone who has supported the Jennifer Hale Fund to reach this brilliant amount for charity."

College training partnership link

WEST Lancashire College has developed a new partnership with Nutricia Liverpool, part of the Danone health and nutrition group, to develop training packages for their staff.

The college and Nutricia have worked closely together to develop facilities management apprenticeships specifically tailored to the needs of the job role of specialist support operator.

Employees will receive on–the–job training with one–to–one support. The apprenticeship will cover key elements of their job role including health & safety, hygiene and maintenance and employees will achieve a range of qualifications including NVQ and technical certificates.

Civic visit marks jobs milestone

Report by **Henry James**

A COMPANY which manufactures a pair of shoes every 20 seconds in its West Lancs factory, is now employing more than 1,000 people for the first time.

Since 2004, when the company employed just over 200 people, Hotter Shoes has expanded to be the UK's biggest shoe maker.

To mark the occasion of the workforce passing the four–figure milestone, the company's headquarters in West Pimbo, Skelmersdale was visited by a civic delegation made up of Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Paul and Mrs Louise Greenall, leader of the borough council, Councillor Ian Grant and the authority's joint managing directors, Gill Rowe and Kim Webber.

The group met many of the 470 employees working at the Skelmersdale site. They also found out how Hotter creates shoes for women and men and viewed the behind–the–scenes technology.

Hotter has a 100–seater on–site call centre which serves its UK and US customers. It sells its shoes on line and in the last 36 months has opened 36 high street stores across the UK, giving it a total of 50.

Managing director, Peter Taylor, said: "We were delighted to welcome our distinguished guests and to have the opportunity to showcase our world–class manufacturing talent.

"Our company was set up in 1959 in the centre of Skelmersdale and I was delighted to introduce the mayoral party to our dedicated and hard–working employees, from the newest recruits to some of our long–serving staff who have been with us for more than 25 years.

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"Since we were established our brand has continuously developed and adapted and our people have been with us every step of the way – designing shoes, making shoes, shipping shoes and selling shoes. Each team member plays a crucial role in the success of Hotter and we are proud that our teams will be able to showcase their talent and enthusiasm."

Cllr Paul Grennall said: "I am privileged to have been invited to visit Hotter Shoes to join the celebrations for the company's achievement in employing more than 1,000 people for the first time. This is a company the whole of West Lancashire should be proud of."

Steven Stewart (left) gives a demonstration to the civic party during their visit to Hotter Shoes watched by managing director Peter Taylor (centre). Code1058500

Wildlife crime vigilance plea

POLICE are urging people to be vigilant about wildlife crime.

Lancashire wildlife crime officer, Mark Thomas, said:"At this time of year most species are producing young and are at their most vulnerable so I am appealing for the public to help us combat wildlife crime by reporting any concerns or suspicious incidents.

"As it is lambing season we also need to remind people that the control of birds such as magpies is legal at this time of year. There have been instances of traps being deliberately destroyed in misguided efforts to stop this legal pest control. If people are unsure they should leave traps alone and report the matter to the police."

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Healthy eating project wins university award

Report by **Henry James**

A PROJECT that aims to promote healthy eating and improve access to safe, affordable and nutritious food has received the 2013 Voluntary Organisation of the Year Award from Edge Hill University.

The award recognises the contribution that the Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative (SCFI) has made to developing the employability skills of the university's students and its involvement in the West Lancs community over many years.

SCFI was nominated for the award by one of its own volunteers, Julie Duffy, who is currently a third–year nutrition student at Edge Hill and has been associated with the initiative since 2008.

Julie said: "I nominated SCFI because, as well as offering a superb service to the West Lancs community at large, they also offer a fantastic real–life work setting for students like me to grow in.

"I developed my research skills as well as learning to speak publicly while working with them. The whole team is incredibly supportive and I was able to do my final year research dissertation in collaboration with them which was a great opportunity for me."

SCFI works with local people in the heart of the community promoting healthier lifestyle choices. Their objective is to constantly find new ways to help the community along their way to a healthier lifestyle and better well–being.

They offer a range of sessions based on different topics on a healthy diet and also hold lifestyle drop–ins on a monthly basis. As part of their initiative they also deliver 'Cook and Eat' taster sessions where they demonstrate simple, but effective cooking methods and by doing so teach members of the community to cook delicious, healthy and nutritious meals. They also raise health awareness by hosting community stands.

Thrilled

Bev Hope, a well–being worker at SCFI, concluded: "We are absolutely thrilled to have won this award and delighted our services have been of such benefit to the residents of West Lancashire.

"Volunteers play a vital part in the work we do and volunteers like Julie are a real asset to SCFI.

"We encourage all students and individuals looking for volunteering experience to apply to SCFI and we look forward to working in partnership with Edge Hill and the general public long into the future."

For volunteer opportunities or if you would like any further information about SCFI and the work they do, contact the team on 01695 720 554 or by email at scfi@btopenworld.com

TWO of the SCFI team with their award

Volunteers dig in to spruce up area

A GROUP of volunteers have been digging in to spruce up an area of Burscough.

Members of the West Lancashire Social Action Team gathered at Station Approach near Tesco on Sunday, May 5 to tackle the clean–up operation and also planted new seedlings.

The event was jointly organised by Edward McCarthy and Sue Murrin–Bailey who were joined by helpers, Marj Potter and Janet, Thomas, Rachel and Sean Johnson.

Edward said: "The day was a great success. The idea now is to clear the area further and to make it into a nice place for people to sit down in and for children to use.

"We would like to thank everyone who came along to help, Tesco for the plants and also West Lancashire Borough Council who supplied the equipment we used."

Sue added: "It is amazing how a handful of people from the community pulling together for three hours can improve an area for the whole community. Well done and thank–you to all who helped."

Anyone interested in joining the team on future projects can call Edward on 07971 299606.

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Military fly–past will salute station's key role in historic battle

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FOUR Royal Navy helicopters and a legendary Swordfish biplane are scheduled to perform a fly–past over Burscough as part of the celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of the crucial period in the Battle of Atlantic and the key role a local military station played in it.

The battle was the longest continuous military offensive of World War Two, raging for the entire length of the war, although the key phase was between May 24 and 27, 1943.

HMS Ringtail, a Fleet Air Arm (FAA) naval station on the outstkirts of Burscough, was acquired by the Admiralty for the formation and training of torpedo fighter squadrons who were based there for weeks or months prior to deployment in front–line action.

And as part of the commemorative weekend events beng staged in Liverpool, as well as London and Londonderry, members of the Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society (LBMHS) are paying their own tributes.

From 12.15pm on Sunday, May 26, the formation of Royal Naval Historic Flight Swordfish (LS326) and four RN helicopters, Merlin Mk1, Lynx Mk8, Sea King Mk4 and Sea King Mk 6 (SAR), is scheduled to fly over the HMS Ringtail memorial monument for approximately 15 minutes on the way to the main fly–past over Liverpool.

Although the participation of the Swordfish is subject to weather and serviceability, Richard Houghton of LBMHS says members are eagerly looking forward to the occasion.

He said: "This is a wonderful chance for local people to witness this memorable flight – in particular if the Swordfish does fly.

"The aircraft (pictured) is the actual one, LS326, which saw service on the North Atlantic Convoys on a MAC ship; the same aircraft adopted by the city of Liverpool.

"It is appropriate that the aircraft which did so much to protect convoys in the North Atlantic and Western approaches should be used in this event.

"We, as a society, are very proud to be able to be a part of this unique event for local people to share."

There will also be a commemoration service at the HMS Ringtail monument on Saturday, May 25 at 11am.

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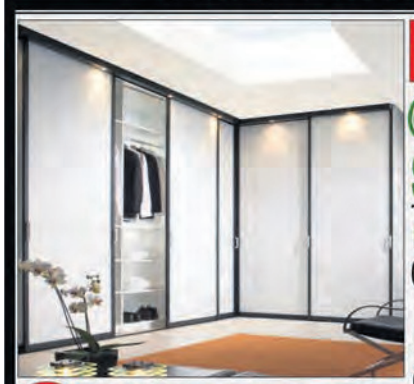

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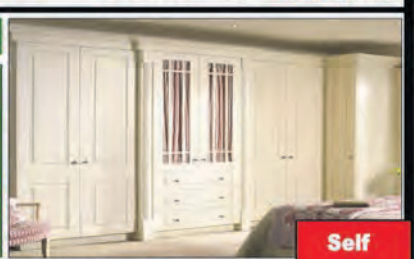

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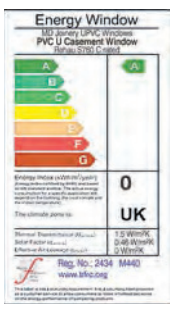

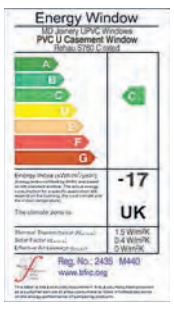

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Thornton Relief Road green light

Report by **David Raven**

WORK on a new relief road to allow easier access between Sefton and the region's motorways has finally been given the green light, more than 40 years after the campaign was first launched.

The road will consist of a single carriageway link road between Thornton (Southport Road, Long Lane and Ince Road junction) and the Switch Island junction.

The scheme also includes: "Amendments to the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency dept at Switch Island, associated landscaping measures, attenuation ponds and traffic management measures on the local highway network."

It will become the A5758 Broom's Cross Road – Broom's Cross is the site of a medieval wayside cross near Thornton.

Although only the base stone of the original cross remains, it is said to be the most important historic site in the vicinity of the new link road.

Sefton Council's Labour leader, Councillor Peter Dowd, said the road has been a long time coming.

Cllr Dowd said: "We've waited a long time for this. Each time we thought we had passed the final hurdle, another obstacle was placed in our way. But this is finally it.

"I am delighted for the people of Thornton who have campaigned long and hard for this relief road to ease the heavy congestion in the community.

"The rest of the borough will also benefit as congestion on roads throughout Sefton will be eased as the new relief road takes the strain and the £19m investment here will be a major

Switch Island

boost for our local economy." Cabinet member for transportation, Labour's Cllr John Fairclough, praised Sefton Council officers for "negotiating the detailed technical details" behind the scheme.

Cllr Fairclough said: "Councillors and council officers have put the hours in on finally getting to the stage where we can at last say that the Thornton Relief Road has been given the green light.

"That work has involved dealing with all of the very technical legal details involved in a scheme of this magnitude, particularly in relation to building on land which has been owned by the Crown.

"But they have all pulled out the stops and delivered. This is great news for Sefton."

Sefton Central Labour MP Bill Esterson said he was delighted for everyone who had campaign for the road.

Mr Esterson said: "Throughout my time in Sefton, the Thornton Relief Road was one of the biggest issues which people raised with me.

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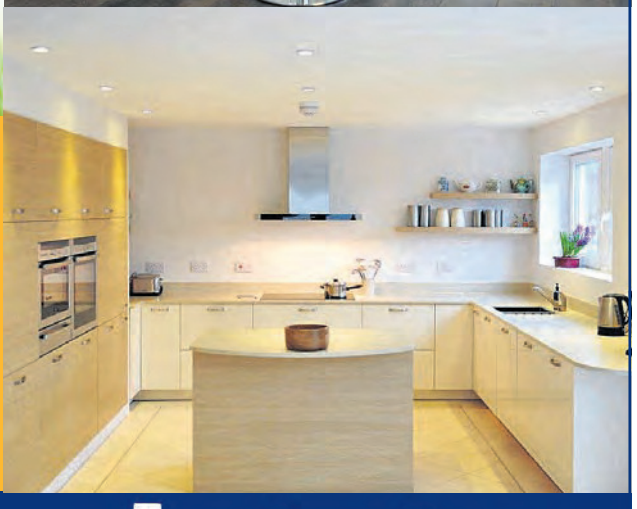

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‘No’ to caravan site NOT a case of nimbys

Having read Terry Beddowes’ letter *(Champion, April 24)* it seems very strange he has never spoken at any of the parish council meetings or the public meeting that was held.

The public meeting was standing room only and the residents a very hostile audience. We don’t recall hearing Mr Beddowes speak and he does not appear to have written to West Lancs Council.

We have camped and caravanned for many years and we have stayed on some very noisy sites, with hen parties/stag nights and some drunken behaviour and we would have to move elsewhere.

He is right about the itinerant workers. This is how the site would end up, we believe, as the ‘holiday let’ on the site is a dismal failure. The holiday park would end up in the same way.

Does he realise the tents and tourers would be sighted very close to the sewage farm, which in the summer is rather noxious? We wonder who would want to holiday in that spot, all surrounded by a 30ft hedge with no views?

Mr Beddowes makes no mention of this being Green Belt land and to use it for static caravans and such is abhorrent.

There are many properties very close to this site and the noise would be for 24 hours as that is the planned opening time for the site.

We will stick with the horticultural site as they finish work at 5pm.

Anyone towing a caravan and pulling out on Course Lane by Ivy House Farm is risking their life and the lives of other motorists.

We assume Mr Beddowes, when towing his caravan around Newburgh, would be well aware of the best route to take, unlike visitors.

This most certainly is NOT a case of nimbys.

We believe the applicant lives in Scarisbrick. There are plenty of open green fields there, we suggest he put his caravan park there. It’s near to Southport, lots to do, no sewage farm close by and open views.

Maybe Mr Beddowes could be his first holidaymaker?

Mr & Mrs Sharman, Newburgh

We say not in Newburgh please!

In response to Terry Bedoes’ comments (Champion, April 24) may I take this one step further and say, not in Newburgh please!

Mr Beddoes forgot to mention that this proposal is on Green Belt land and in a residential area, not a tourist destination.

It is for 25 static caravans, 20 touring caravan pitches, 20 camping pitches, several mobile home ‘hook–up’ sites, and residential holiday accommodation, including a toilet block and fishing pond (just to start). This could equate to more than 300 extra people.

Common sense tells you that Newburgh does not have the infrastructure to accommodate this. This development will have major impact on local residents. The only beneficiary is the applicant, who lives out of the area.

If this application is approved the long–term impact would be detrimental to the beauty of a small rural village situated within a Green Belt which is much valued by its local community and must lawfully be protected.

If people want to know the truth about this development have a look on the borough council’s website.

Mr & Mrs Parsley, Newburgh.

PICTURE of the week

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Champagne football

An explosion of champagne cascades over the champions as Skelmersdale United FC celebrate winning the Evo–Stik Northern Premier League First Division North.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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A need for safety measures on approach to town centre

As a student who walks to Edge Hill every day I have to use the junction on Derby Street West outside the church.

Walking towards Ormskirk town centre, in common with others I have spoken to, I find it almost impossible to cross the road safely as there is no way of being able to see if any traffic is coming around the corner.

I don’t understand how permanent residents of Ormskirk have been able to live with this. Surely it would be safer for everyone to put a traffic mirror on the opposite side of the road so pedestrians can have some idea what is coming round the corner?

Also, standing on the other side of the road waking away from the town centre, when motorists have the option of going straight down Southport Road or turning down Derby Street West, on a number of occasions I have almost been run over by drivers who have not found it necessary to indicate, as I automatically assume they are going straight on, not in my direction well over the speed limit.

Edge Hill student, Ormskirk.

Organic farming is the key to averting ‘dust storm’ effect

The caption on the photo of the dust storm (Champion, April 17) might allow readers to think that such a severe event for farmers was an inevitable act of nature.

In 2009, the government was warning that more than 2million tonnes of farm topsoil is being eroded by wind and rain each year, jeopardising efforts to increase food production.

In this sense we are living on borrowed time, for the food we import comes from land often suffering even worse soil loss.

However, farmers, supported by government and the general public, have it within their capacity to minimise such events through more widespread adoption of organic farming.

This approach to soil management conserves the essential carbon in the form of humus, bacteria and fungi which all serve to bind the soil particles together and help prevent top soil loss, and incidentally reduce our carbon emissions.

These micro–organisms which help crops grow well are often killed by chemical sprays and deep ploughing, which, woefully, is standard practice over much of our land.

John Watt, Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk

Think again, Terry

What a load of nonsense Terry Beddoes wrote in the Champion (April 24) about NIMBYS and the plans for a caravan park.

I suggest he reads the comments on the council website and see why people are up in arms about this.

Peace and quiet on a caravan park, Mr Beddoes? Well, I don’t know what kind of caravan parks you visit. Certainly not like any I’ve visited, obviously. The noise after 11pm is horrendous.

I wonder if Mr Beddoes would like 26 static caravans 30 feet away from his front door.

I suggest he looks at the council’s website again to re–think his ridiculous comments.

D. Marshall, by email

Is this democratic?

While canvassing for the Lancashire County Council elections in West Lancashire, I was dismayed to find that many sheltered housing locations would not allow election leaflets to be delivered.

The residents living here are entitled to vote for whichever candidate they choose and should be allowed to receive leaflets from all the political parties to help them make their informed choice so they can go and vote or complete a postal vote.

Democracy is an important choice which everyone should be allowed to make.

Edward McCarthy, Conservative candidate, Skelmersdale West Division & Digmoor ward by–election.

Thanks a lot, folks

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Until 4pm, there will be the opportunity to hunt for creative clues to past lives in historical documents such as wills, court records, family letters and business archives.

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50 things to do before you are 12? Been there, done some of them

I WAS fascinated by an article in my daily paper about the 50 adventures every child should have before the age of 12.

I thought I would be able to tick virtually all the boxes – but I was reckoning without the new additions, some of which, to be fair, weren't even available before I was 12. Or for that matter for several decades after.

But starting from the top of the list, compiled by the National Trust, I certainly had climbed a tree and rolled down several big hills.

Just as well it didn't mention the getting down again from the big tree (always a problem for me) – or the scolding I once got while on a picnic with my parents for getting grass stains on my best shirt through my rolling down exercises.

Still, been there, done them.

Mind you I never camped out in the wild or flew a kite. The latter was something I truly regret and hope one day yet to fulfil.

But for long bike rides, damming steams, playing conkers, exploring inside a cave and building a raft or checking out creatures in a rock pond – then I was your boy.

Some activities listed such as learning to horse ride or canoe down a river were beyond my means though donkey rides (without crash helmets) were a part of holiday life.

I still wouldn't know a geocache if I fell over one – and in any case no–one those days had the not–yet–invented GPS apparently necessary – and as for holding a scary beast, well I did grab my best friend 'Fatty' Smith from time to time. (Couldn't have such a friend these days though).

Mind you, my friends and I outdid some of these present–day explorers (how did catching a falling leaf get onto the list?) by quite a long way.

'Find some frogspawn' is one activity we did. We found the frogspawn in a ditch at the bottom of the garden and decided to build ourselves a 'taddery.' The idea was to dam the ditch (another activity to be crossed off) and create a kind of hatchery in which we could watch the frogspawn develop into tadpoles and eventually transform into frogs. All in the interest of science.

I went well into the tadpole stage. But then the weather changed for the better (or worse as it turned out for the tadpoles).

Because of the hot weather we had to keep adding water to the taddery. And one day we were called in for lunch – and by the time we returned the whole thing had disastrously dried out.

Taught us a lesson though.

And then there was our pottery making enterprise. Didn't see that on the list.

Simple, we found an old metal bucket with the bottom rusted out and realised it bore a distinct resemblance to kilns we'd seen on TV.

So with the aid of a spade, (to dig a hole in the garden) and an old metal foot scraper for a base to put our pots on, we were almost ready for business.

Clay from the sides of a local brook, and bits of wood and coal to light under the foot scraper and – Hey Presto – we had a working pottery which produced mainly egg cups which we christened 'Chunky Ware.'

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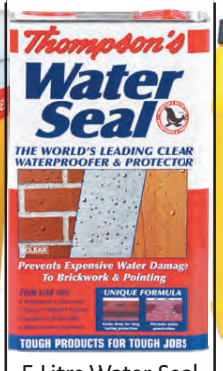
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Interactive event will show entrepreneurs how to boost business

Free session aims to help delegates to take their companies to the next level

Report by **Henry James**

ENTREPRENEURS are being invited to an event where they can find out more about how to grow their business rapidly.

Let's Talk Growth is an interactive session to be held at the West Lancashire Investment Centre between 3 and 5pm on Thursday, May 9.

This session will create an understanding of how ambition, capacity and opportunity play a vital role in creating high–growth companies.

Using tried and tested techniques, developed specifically for high–growth businesses, this challenging session focuses the mind and reveals the issues delegates need to address to take their business to the next level.

Funded

Growth Accelerator is one of the items people will be able to find out more about if they attend.

This is a support for ambitious companies, delivered by business experts and funded by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills.

Bob Livermore, West Lancs borough council's assistant director for housing and regeneration, said: "Let's Talk Growth will be a very interesting and informative event and I would encourage business people to attend."

Limited

The Let's Talk Growth event will be held in the West Lancashire Investment Centre's J4 Hub and is free to attend, but places are limited.

To reserve your place email enquiries@westlancashireinvestmentcentre.com or call 01695 712600.

This will be the first in the 'Let's Talk' series of events for businesses to be held at West Lancashire Investment Centre throughout 2013.

These have been organised by the borough council and will cover a variety of topics which aim to support local businesses.

Other events will include topics such as access to finance, trade and investment, human resources and social media.

Businesses can visit the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/business for information on the full range of business advice and support available from the borough council. They can also find out about other business events.

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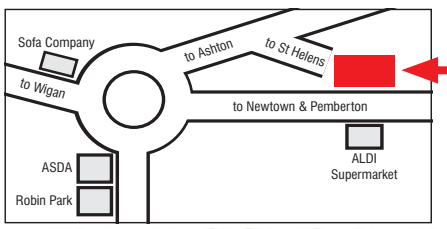

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Anna's all set for star role

• ABOVE; The cast of Gargling with Jelly Code NA

Report by Danielle Thompson

A BUDDING schoolgirl actress is all set for her first starring role – in a part usually played by a boy!

Twelve–year–old Anna McKenna from Ormskirk will take the lead role in the Ormskirk Derby Players' production of 'Gargling With Jelly' as the last child in the world resisting Dr Sensible's evil plot for all children to take medicine which makes the world a boring place.

The part is usally played by a boy as Jimmy but Anna will pay it instead as Jenny.

Although this will be her first lead role, Anna, a pupil at Deyes High School, Maghull, has previously had parts in 'Bradley No Mates' with the Crosby and Waterloo Society, and in 'Annie' with the Maghull Musical Theatre Company.

And she is really looking forward to taking centre stage for the first time and – hopefully – a future career in the acting profession.

She said: "I really enjoy the rehearsals for 'Gargling With Jelly' and I love the role, it's all such good fun.

"I really am passionate about acting and I want to study drama and hopefully go on to have a career on stage."

'Gargling With Jelly' is on at Ormskirk Civic Hall on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, with curtain up at 7.30pm and there is also a matinee performance starting at 2.25pm on Sunday, May 18.

Tickets are £7 each of £25 for a party of four. To book or for further details tel. 0151 531 8488.

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Vintage fairs coming to town this summer

A SERIES of vintage fairs are coming to Ormskirk town centre throughout the summer.

The fairs will be staged at the Chapel Gallery, St Helens Road on the last Sunday of each month from May to August inclusive (May 26, June 30, July 28 and August 25) running from 10am to 4pm.

They will feature a number of stalls including true vintage, up–cycled goods, re–worked vintage, retro designs and handmade goods.

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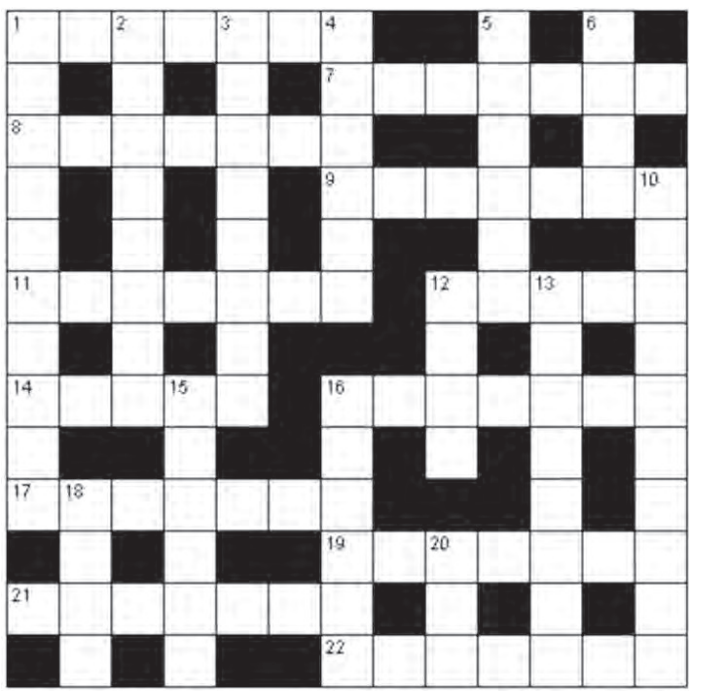

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Down: 1 Lavish, 2 Molluscs, 3 Nitrogen, 4 Doubts, 6 Aunaturel, 7 Icarus, 8 Chiropractor, 19 Kidney, 21 Vanish, 23 Boffin, 25 Drug, 26 Tea, 29 Ist.

ACROSS

1 Someone who eats or consumes an immoderate amount of food and drink (7)
7 Guided through (7)
8 A person who inflicts punishment in return for a bad deed (7)
9 British rock band formed in 1977 Dire_____ (7)
11 Living organisms that are not human (7)
12 A city in the United Arab Emirates, located within the emirate of the same name (5)
14 90s brit pop band involved in a feud with fellow group Blur (5)
16 Crushed and bent beyond recognition (7)
17 Become larger or rounder in size (7)
19 Receive money or property as a result of a person's death (7)
21 Title given to a married Italian woman (7)
22 A person who makes or mends shoes (7)

DOWN

1 Popular Saturday night game show in the 90s with regular characters including Wolf and Jet (10)
2 Implements used around the household (8)
3 A small, powerful vessel used to tow large boats and ships (8)
4 People trained to look after the sick or infirm (6)
5 The feeling you have seen an event before when it is in fact happening in the present (4,2)
6 Attack repeatedly by hurling objects (4)
10 A person employed to give a favorable interpretation of events to the media (4,6)
12 Immerse or dip (4)
13 A castle located in Aberdeenshire belonging to the Queen (8)
15 An area of land surrounded by water (6)
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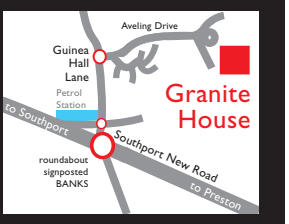

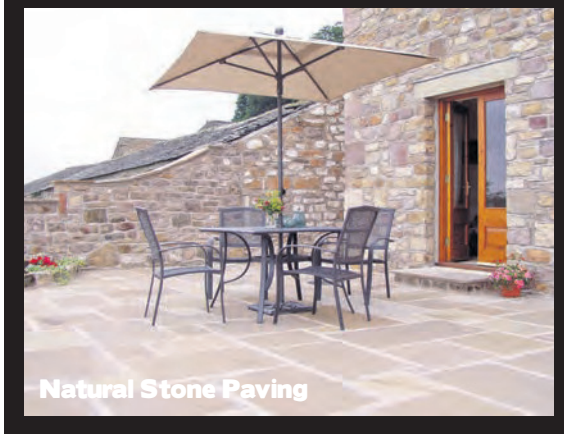

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New deadline for design awards

Report by **Henry James**

THE deadline for nominations for the 2013 West Lancashire Design Awards has been extended.

The awards aim to acknowledge and promote the importance of good–quality development and building design within the area.

Organisers at the borough council have said they have already received some very good proposals for the awards, but have extended the deadline for nominations until Friday, May 24.

The award scheme aims to show how good design and well–designed buildings and places can greatly improve the local environment and contribute to a sense of place.

Judging will be in five categories: new residential developments; the conversion of existing buildings; commercial developments; sustainable building design; and landscaping proposals.

Awards will be given for designs which contribute to the overall quality of the borough and will focus on community, economic and environmental regeneration and the use of sustainable building techniques. Designs must have been completed after June 2011 to be eligible for entry.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, the borough council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The council has always been committed to encouraging good design throughout the borough and the awards celebrate distinctive, high–quality development here in West Lancashire. I would encourage people to nominate projects they feel have really improved the area they live in.

"The award scheme, which has been running since 1989, highlights the council's wish to work in partnership with architects, developers, owners and other agencies involved in planning to improve our built environment and the quality of life for all the residents of West Lancashire."

Nomination forms are available from local libraries, the customer service points in Derby Street, Ormskirk and The Concourse, Skelmersdale or by emailing Ian Bond, heritage and environment manager, at ian.bond@westlancs.gov.uk or calling 01695 585167.

Alternatively, you can nominate online or download the forms by visiting www.westlancs.gov.uk/heritage

Knitting group's 'come and join us' call

IF you're a keen knitter, or you would like to give the popular pastime a try, you are invited to go along and join a friendly West Lancs group.

The Knit and Natter group meet in Burscough Library from 1.45 to 3pm on Fridays during school term time.

Carol Young from the group said: "This is a very informal group and it is free so anyone wishing to take part can simply bring along their needles and wool and come and join us. There's a chance to swap tips and ideas or if you can't knit and would like to learn our lovely ladies will teach you."

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First food–swap event proves a tasty success

By **Danielle Thompson**

ORGANISERS have hailed Ormskirk's first–ever food swap event as a huge success.

The 'Apples for Eggs' event was held at the Brookes Bistro in Aughton Street on Sunday, April 28 and attracted 14 participant groups with the range of food including fresh eggs, bread, cakes, biscuits and crumbles, chutneys, jams and sauces, stews and rhubarb. There were even tomato plants and ginger beer.

Food swapping is a collaborative, community–based activity that's emerged as a growing trend over the last couple of years in the USA. No money changes hands, the currency is home–grown produce.

Producers/growers display their goods and then negotiate swaps with others.

Lucy Mahood, who organised the event, said: "Everyone who attended said they thoroughly enjoyed it and want to know when the next one will be. All ages attended from families with small children to teenagers through to grandparents.

"Some had been to swaps before, for others it was their first time; it was a really fun event."

For more information on future events, visit www.applesforeggs.com

Deborah's lucky break

LUCKY Champion reader Deborah Brown is set enjoy a five–star family break in London, courtesy of bakers, Kingsmill.

The company launched a campaign to find the UK's favourite lunch spots to celebrate its sponsorship of the of The Big Lunch 2013 in partnership with national tourist boards, including VisitEngland and Vist Wales.

They also teamed up with your Champion in a competition offering our readers the chance to win a five–star, two–night break in the capital for one lucky family.

Deborah from Banks and her family will now be whisked away to the capital, taking in trips to the London Eye and London Zoo, as well as enjoying a family picnic hamper.

Gina's bidding to join the Style Squad

A TEENAGE hairdresser is aiming to prove she's a cut above in a prestigious contest.

Gina Butler, 18, who works at MK Hair in Ormskirk has reached the second round of a competition to be part of international styling brand GHD's Style Squad.

The winner of the competition will get the chance to train with leading hair specialists. Applicants had to submit a moodboard and an explanation of their favourite London Fashion Week show.

Gina will now join other second round contestants at auditions in London on Thursday, May 9.

Marie Hackett, who runs MK Hair, said: "We're extremely proud of Gina. She's only been with us 10 months but she's fantastic."

Edge Hill caterers raise £1,100 for cancer sufferer

Christine Turner (centre right) and collegaues from Edge Hill University Catering and facilities staff at their fund raising event last week in support of the Turner Life Around appeal. Code1057510

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the catering department at The Hub based at Edge Hill University certainly found the receipe for success when they rallied round in support of a relative of one of their colleagues who is seriously ill.

Anne Turner from Skelmersdale, whose sister Christine works for the catering department at the university, is suffering from cancer and needs to raise £20,000 to enable her to undergo specialist, potentially life–saving treatment in Germany.

And when Christine's pals at The Hub heard about the Turner Life Around appeal fund they were only too happy to help.

They organised a special fundraising day, featuring a sale of second–hand clothes and bric–a–brac, plus a raffle.

The event was advertised throughout the university and received a lot of support from both visitors and students and members of staff at Edge Hill.

The directorate at the university also made a donation and a grand total of £1,100 was raised.

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Town Green youngsters clinch title in gripping finale

Last–game draw enough to pip rivals to crown

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Steve Konetskie (43) who has managed the team for the last four years, said: "I am over the moon about the title win. I am looking forward to watching these lads grow as footballers and hope to continue their success."

Town Green's captain, Ben Chapman, and teammates, lifting the League Trophy **Code NA**

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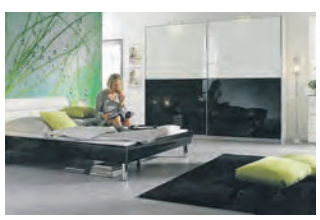

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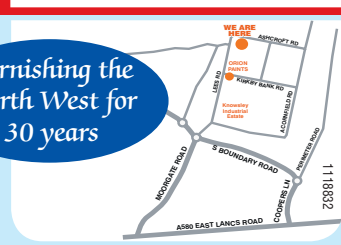

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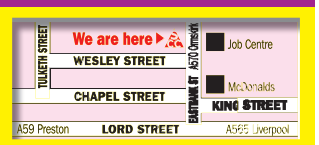

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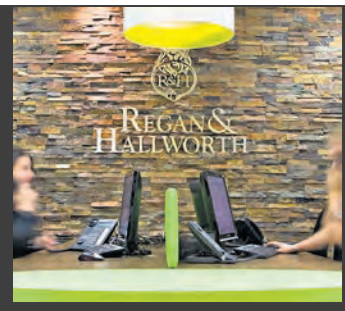

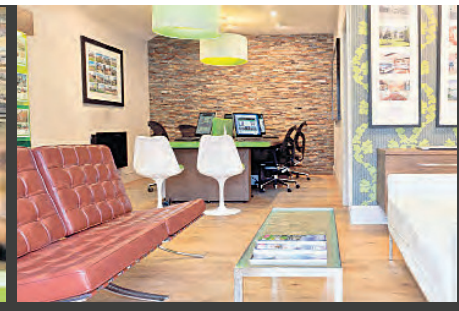

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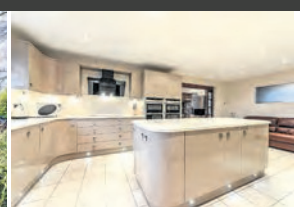

BROOKFIELD HOUSE ORRELL LANE, BURSCOUGH £499,950

A stunning detached house with self-contained annexe.

- Individually designed detached house
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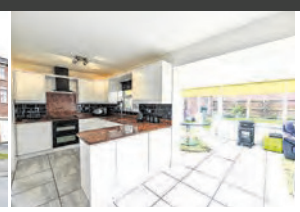


DELPH DRIVE, BURSCOUGH £285,000

A high specification detached home with double garage

- Modern detached family home
- Well appointed accommodation
- Four bedrooms
- Re-modelled kitchen in 2012
- Superb double glazed conservatory
- Double garage
- High specification throughout
- 1660 SQ.FT EPC C

WARPERS MOSS LANE , BURSCOUGH £199,995

A pretty detached true bungalow

- Double fronted true bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Well proportioned rooms
- Two reception rooms
- Private cottage style garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- 956 SQ.FT EPC D

NEW

APPLEY BRIDGE

DRAPPERS FARM , APPLEY BRIDGE £585,000

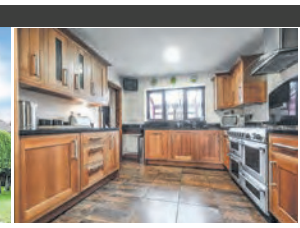
Stone built farmhouse in a stunning location with potential for extending.

- Stunning Period Home
- Large Conservatory
- Modern Kitchen/Bathrooms
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Countryside Setting
- 1/3 Acre & Double Garage
- 1952 Sq Ft EPC E

STONEMILL BANK, APPLEY BRIDGE £499,950

A stunning five bedroom detached home with waterside location

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Waterside Location
- Three Bathrooms
- Double Garage
- Three Story Design
- Designer Kitchen
- High Specification Home.
- 2788 SQ.FT EPC C



APPLEY CLOSE, APPLEY BRIDGE £335,000

A stunning family home with large conservatory.

- Stunning Family Home
- Detached House
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Modern Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Three Reception Rooms
- Large Sunny Conservatory
- Double Garage
- 2085 SQ.FT EPC C

MAWDESLEY

CITY FARM, HALL LANE, MAWDESLEY £535,000

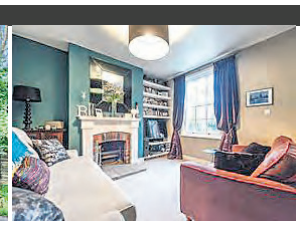
A superb family home of true character

- A handsome distinctive det house
- Wonderful family home
- Five bedrooms
- Southerly facing gardens
- Outbuildings/detached garage
- Prominent position
- Gas central heating
- 2767 SQ.FT EPC D

ROUNDBANK FARM, HALL LANE, MAWDESLEY £499,999

Development potential or lifestyle sets this property apart

- Lifestyle Property
- Set In 7 Acres
- Development Potential
- Three Bedroomed Detached
- Double Garage
- Detached Cottage
- Attractive Position
- 2141 SQ.FT EPC D



ANDERTONS MILL, MAWDESLEY £310,000

Impressive and much improved period style semi detached cottage

- Semi detached cottage
- Extended and improved
- Three double bedrooms
- Private garden
- Large hand made painted kitchen
- Double glazed sash windows
- Gas Central heating
- 1414 SQ.FT EPC C

SOLD

EUXTON/ECCLESTON

WATERSIDE HOUSE, PINCOCK STREET, EUXTON £370,000

A Character property with riverside location.

- Characterful cottage
- Riverside Location
- Four bedrooms
- Four reception rooms
- Large gardens
- Central heating / Double glazing
- Garage
- 1880 SQ.FT EPC E

THE GREEN, ECCLESTON £365,000

A beautiful, traditional four bedroomed detached house

- Traditional Detached House
- Thoughtfully Extended
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Showroom
- Open Aspects To Rear
- Beautiful Gardens
- 2018 SQ.FT EPC D

LANGTON BROW, ECCLESTON £275,000

A four bedroomed, generously proportioned detached bungalow

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Generous Bedrooms
- Utility And Cloaks
- Great Village Location
- Off Road Parking For Several Cars
- Good Sized Gardens
- Well Maintained Throughout
- 1257 SQ.FT EPC D

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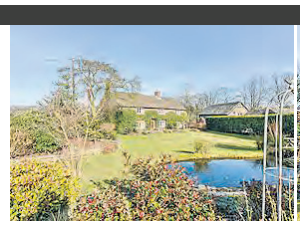
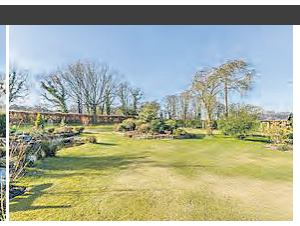

PRESCOTTS FARM, LEES LANE, DALTON £899,995

A beautiful country house in an exclusive setting.

- Beautiful country house
- Sympathetically restored
- Steeped in historic
- Beautiful established gardens
- Approx half an acre
- Far reaching views
- Detached double garage
- 2571 SQ.FT EPC F

HOLLAND BARN, LEES LANE, DALTON £600,000

A classic Lancashire Stone Barn that has been compassionately restored

- Stone Barn Conversion
- Log Burning Fire
- Set in 2 Acres
- Beamed ceilings
- Farmhouse style kitchen
- Gallery landing
- Stunning Open Views
- 2845 SQ.FT D EPC D

ORCHARD END, HIGHER LANE, DALTON £575,000

An exceptional five bedroomed individually designed family home in a prime village location

- Individual Detached Resid
- Prime Village Location
- Large Garden Plot
- Five Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Family Home
- Spacious
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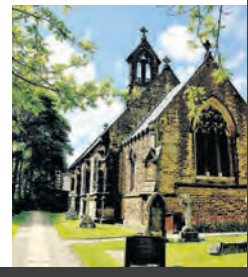
Focus on Newburgh

Dating back over 700 Years Newburgh village is one of the most attractive small villages in West Lancashire, as well as a former winner of the best kept village competition. Located between the larger villages of Parbold and Burscough and about five miles from Ormskirk. Commuting from Newburgh is a breeze both junction 27 of the M6 and junction 4 of the M58 can be reached in under 10 minutes. Plus a number of local railway stations are all within easy reach. The village is bounded by the Leeds Liverpool Canal and the river Douglas. It is rich in open space and recreational areas, surrounded by greenbelt countryside, at it heart is a pretty conservation area and village green- the site of ancient fair that still runs to this day every June.

The village has a strong sense of community with around 1100 or so residents, it is an active and busy community with much to appeal to all ages. The local school Newburgh CE Primary School has been rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED. The Red Lion Pub is at the heart of the village where a warm welcome is assured. The attractive village post office, village store and tea rooms is a real asset to the area.

There are never usually more than around a dozen or so properties for sale at any given time in the village, the housing stock is a good mixture of old and new and the scarcity of properties often means prices are at a premium, for example there were only 24 properties sold in Newburgh in the last 2 years. (Regan & Hallworth sold 17) Family homes typically start from around £170,000 with detached property being priced from £200,000 upwards. There are also a number of historic and listed properties in the village with farmhouse and barns located on the outskirts of the village.



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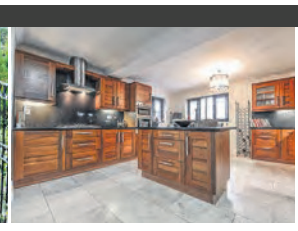
NEW ACRES, **NEWBURGH** **£325,000**

Five bedroom family home with large south facing garden

- Five Bedrooms
- Large Garden
- South Facing
- Two bathrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Village location
- Integral Garage
- 1912 SQ.FT EPC D

ORMSKIRK



WHITEBEAM, VICARAGE LANE, **ORMSKIRK** £549,999

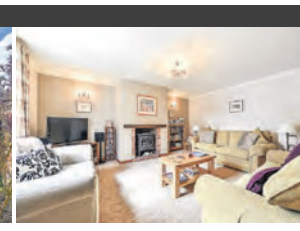
A fully modernised and beautifully presented home.

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Stunning Kitchen
- Established Gardens
- Premier Location
- Attractive Conservatory
- Gated Entrance
- 2898 SQ.FT EPC C

TREETOPS, NORMANHURST, **ORMSKIRK** £525,000

Large Plot 1/3 Of An Acre

- Large Plot 1/3 Of An Acre
- Sought After Location
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Executive Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2,508 SQ.FT EPC D



LUNDS CLOSE, **ORMSKIRK** £345,000

A four bedroom house in a pretty cobble courtyard.

NEW

- Small exclusive development
- Gas central heating &double glazing
- Four bedrooms
- Large Reception Rooms
- Two en-suite bathrooms
- Attached Garage
- Large family kitchen
- 1840 SQ.FT EPC C

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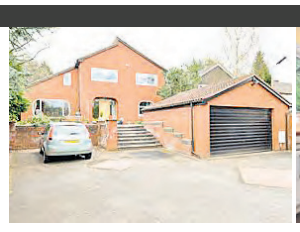
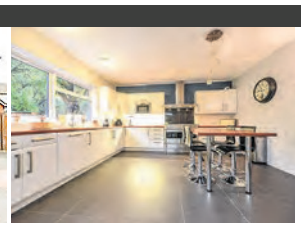
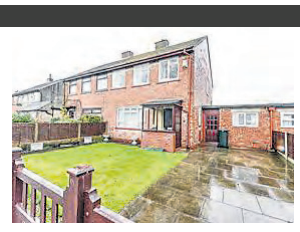




THE SPIRES, BRANDRETH DRIVE, **PARBOLD** £485,000

A most impressive family home in a prime location.

- Individual Family home
- Five bedrooms
- Three contemporary bathrooms
- Double garage
- Prime village location
- Large stylish dining kitchen
- Three reception rooms
- 3032 SQ FT EPC C



BEECH AVENUE , **PARBOLD** £175,000

Well proportioned home offered with no chain

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- Semi detached house
- Canal side location
- Requires modernization
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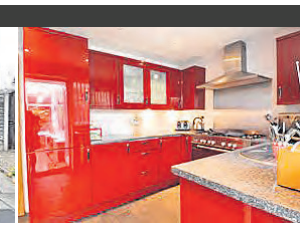
- Quiet village location
- Private rear garden
- Gas central heating
- 979 SQ.FT EPC D



SOUTHDENE, **PARBOLD** £136,999

A charming two bedroomed Semi detached home

NEW

- Charming Two Bed Semi
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac Setting
- Immaculate Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Formerly A Three Bed
- Solid Oak Flooring
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- 797 SQ.FT EPC C

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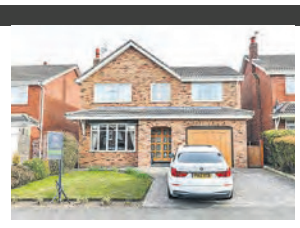
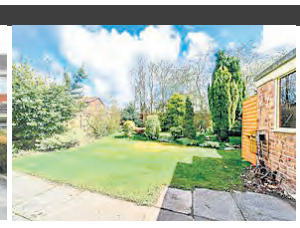
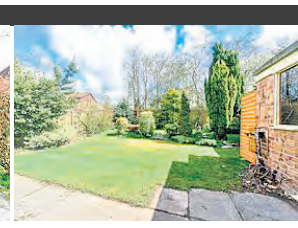




GLENSIDE, **APPLEY BRIDGE** £325,000

A high specification family home

- An impressive family home
- Extended accommodation
- Stylish en-suite shower room
- Impressive presentation
- Four bedrooms
- Excellent attic conversion
- Conservatory
- 2038 SQ.FT EPC C



GLENSIDE, **WRIGHTINGTON** £199,950

Newly refurbished detached family home.

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- Detached Family Home
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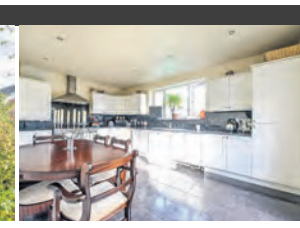
- 973 SQ.FT EPC F



MOSSY LEA ROAD, **WRIGHTINGTON** £159,950

A modern well appointed semi - detached true bungalow

- Deceptively spacious
- Three bedrooms
- Significantly extended
- Modern fitted kitchen
- True bungalow
- Well appointed throughout
- Gas central heating
- 855 SQ.FT EPC C

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Players appealing for new members

Report by **Ron Ellis**

MEMBERS of Southport's Hoghton Players Gilbert & Sullivan are taking time out from G & S this summer and are tackling a whole new repertoire, in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's coronation year.

They will be performing excerpts from Edward German's light opera, Merrie England at Holy Trinity church hall in Southport on Saturday, June 29. The evening will also feature items from other light operettas such as Chu Chin Chow and The Arcadians.

Merrie England is set in Elizabethan times and follows the adventures of Queen Elizabeth I and the Earl of Essex.

It includes some memorable music such as the Queen's song O peaceful England and the stirring Yeomen of England, sung by Essex.

Auditions for solo roles are currently taking place and the society are appealing for new members who might like to audition for a solo role, or sing with the chorus.

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at the Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church Hall in Southport (Southbank Rd entrance). Please contact the secretary, Diane Mackley on 01772 815508 for more details, or check the society's website: www.hoghtonplayers.com

Spotlights in rehearsal

THE CAST from Southport Spotlights Musical Theatre Society are busy rehearsing for the next production "Acorn Antiques – The Musical", which will be performed at The Little Theatre from June 29 to July 6.

Written by Victoria Wood, the musical is based on the BBC television comedy sketches loved by millions of viewers.

Advanced ticket sales begin from May 27.

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Murder mystery night at library

A FAMILY murder mystery event takes place at the newly–refurbished Southport Library this month.

The Conundrum Code, by the After Dark Theatre Company, is an interactive treasure hunt where super sleuth's race against the clock to identify the master criminal.

It takes place at the library, within The Atkinson on Lord Street, on Thursday, May 16 from 5.30pm.

For more details visit www.sefton.gov.uk/libraries.

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The Blues Band rock and roll with the best of them

Review by **Ron Ellis**

• The Blues Band
• The Atkinson, Southport

PAUL Jones, at 71 vying with Cliff Richard for the title of Peter Pan of Pop, arrived back in Southport on Saturday night for his third visit in four years, this time with The Blues Band, his last two appearances being a jazz gig with Digby Fairweather and his pop star outing with The Manfreds.

The Blues Band have been playing together on and off now for 34 years and they are unequalled in Europe as the number one blues outfit.

On the night they covered a wide range of material with slide guitar virtuoso, Dave Kelly; part–time Manfred, Tom McGuinness, and Gary Fletcher taking turns on vocals and Paul Jones switching roles between singing and playing harmonica. Rob Townsend on drums completed the line–up.

The set opened with one of the classic blues standards, Mississippi Fred McDowell's Few Short Lines with Dave Kelly and Tom McGuinness sharing vocals. I particularly liked their version of New Stockyard Blues while Paul Jones had the audience singing along with Suddenly I Like it.

My only reservation about The Blues Band is the absence of a decent blues pianist. There is only so much a harmonica can do and someone in the style of the late Johnnie Johnson, who played on all the early Chuck Berry hits, would be ideal, and never more so than for the closing titles of the evening, Big Joe Turner's Shake Rattle and Roll and Chuck Berry's Little Queenie where Paul Jones treated us to his impression of the Duck Walk and Tom McGuinness showed he could rock and roll with the best of them as he played guitar behind his head.

"You are lucky to have a venue as wonderful as this, especially in these difficult times. So make sure you use it," said Tom McGuinness, addressing the audience. He added how honoured they all were to be the first band to play in Southport's "prestigious new venue."

Let us hope they took notice.

Paul Jones of The Blues Band. Photo by Ron Ellis

Comedy legend's show was a treat

Review by **Ollie Cowan**

KEN Dodd's happiness show came to Southport Theatre at the weekend and what a treat it was.

I was pre–warned that the comic legend was well known for his exuberant and extended routine but I laughed it off and thought no more of it.

On came the dancing girls and singer to introduce Ken, much to the delight of the awaiting audience. Here he was.

Bouncing on stage with all the vigour and excitement of a 12–year–old, Ken immediately grinned and told us all that we were in for a long night.

Joke after joke reeled off his tongue. The audience were in tears laughing.

A slight chesty cough did nothing to put him off his stride either – Ken simply brushed it off and noted that he "should've paid the congestion charge!"

I checked my watch at half past eight and there was no sign of an interval anywhere.

Soon however he announced a short interlude with various guest singers including the wonderfully talented Mezzo Soprano Danielle Thomas from Liverpool.

An interval yet? No chance as Ken came bounding back on stage with more jokes, and tickling sticks.

Soon people began to leave, simply because they would miss the last bus.

Eventually he announced the interval at 9.45pm.

In the second half Ken fired joke after joke, and included The Champion in one of his routines. By 11pm there was only one man in the theatre who wasn't thinking about leaving.

• Ollie's Verdict: An absolutely amazing show from a comedy legend. Some of his support acts weren't overly fabulous but Danielle Thomas risked stealing the show with her beautiful singing. 8/10

West End musical returns to North West stage at the end of this month

Report by **Henry James**

DIRTY Dancing is returning to the North West this month.

It will be staged at the Palace Theatre, Manchester from Tuesday, May 21 to Saturday, June 15.

Written by Eleanor Bergstein, script writer and creator of the successful 1987 film, the production features all the characters and original dialogue from the film with extra scenes added in.

The show sees Baby and her family go to Kellerman's holiday resort in 1963. Baby meets bad boy Johnny and he teaches her to dance and they start an unlikely relationship.

The action is set to the hits from the soundtrack, such as Do You Love Me?, Hungry Eyes and the Academy Award Winning (I've Had) The Time Of My Life.

Dirty Dancing was last performed at the Palace in December 2001 and almost 100,000 people went to see the show.

Paul–Michael Jones will continue to star as Johnny Castle. The role was made famous around the world by Patrick Swayze in the 1987 movie. Paul's theatre credits include playing Eddie in Mamma Mia at the Prince of Wales in London. He has also represented England as a Latin American and Ballroom Dancer, as one of the top two English couples, at The World Championships in Singapore.

American performer Jill Winternitz stars as Baby. Jennifer Grey played Baby in the film. Nicky Griffiths will play Penny Johnson. Nicky has starred in Mamma Mia, Hairspray and Wicked in the West End.

Over five million people worldwide have now watched this production, with the London show having been seen by over one million audience members. The show played for five years at the Aldwych Theatre in London's West End and had advance ticket sales of over £15m, which made it the fastest ever selling West End show.

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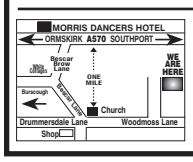

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Application No: 2013/0230/FUL* Retention of rendering to external walls of house and garage at 6 Fulwood Avenue, Tarleton.
Application No: 2013/0407/FUL Alterations to the rear elevation including french doors with glazed side screens; juliet balconies and additional stone heads at first floor level at Holland Hall Hotel, Lafford Lane, UpHolland.
Application No: 2013/0408/LBC Listed Building Consent - Alterations to the rear elevation including french doors with glazed side screens; juliet balconies and additional stone heads at first floor level at Holland Hall Hotel, Lafford Lane, UpHolland.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 8th May 2013
Assistant Director Planning PDNOT667

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

PLANNING APPLICATION NO - 08/13/0451
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CREATION OF A NEW TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND REMOVAL OF 8 METRES OF HEDGEROW AT FIELD OPPOSITE JUNCTION OF WINIFRED LANE AND GRANVILLE PARK, AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK

I give notice that United Utilities are applying to the Lancashire County Council for planning permission for the above development.

The application site is within greenbelt and in a conservation area.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO - 08/13/0452
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CREATION OF NEW TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND REMOVAL OF 8 METRES OF HEDEROW AT FIELD OPPOSITE JUNCTION OF WINIFRED LANE AND NARROW LANE, AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK

I give notice that United Utilities are applying to the Lancashire County Council for planning permission for the above development.

The application site is within a green belt area.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and other documents submitted with it at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Transport and Environment, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 29 May 2013.The application, plans and submitted details can also be viewed on the County Council's website www.lancashire.gov.uk/planningregister.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Transport and Environment, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD, by email to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk by 29 May 2013 or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website www.lancashire.gov.uk/planningregister.

We do not acknowledge receipt of representations or notify you of the outcome of the decision. This information will be available on our website within 5 working days of the date of decision. Details on how to make further representations and speak at the Development Control Committee can be found on our web page. However Representations made by letter or email including names and addresses will be placed on the application file and this is open to inspection by the applicant and general public. Representations excluding email addresses and signatures will be available to view on the County Councils web site.

Jo Turton, Executive Director for the Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 8 May 2013

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian from proceeding over that length of Station Road, Parbold for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Station Road Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic, cyclists & pedestrians affected by the closure is via: -

The Common – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – Mill Lane – Station Road and vice versa.

No access will be maintained.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential level crossing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 2325 hours until 0540 hours on Saturday 18 May 2013 to Monday 20 May 2013, or until completion of the works within this period.

Paul Dunne, Public Realm Manager Preston and South Ribble,
Lancashire Highway Services, Lancashire County Council.
0845 053 0011
[Ref: HEM/226/8/824/ARH]

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(95 LINDENS, ASHURST SKELMERSDALE WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(DISABLED PARKING PLACE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 8 May 2013 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effects of which will be to:

Introduce a Disabled Parking Place in Lindens, the north side in the most North Westerly corner of Lindens at the rear of No 111

This Order will come into force on 13 May 2013 A copy of this Order and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the Chief Executive, West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. **[Quoting ref:LSG4/5.47119/TRO/JE]**. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made, apply for that purpose to the High Court

Ian Fisher, County Secretary & Solicitor
8 May 2013

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOSCAR LEVEL CROSSING, HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (NO. 2) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom, for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Hoscar Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for motor vehicles, cycles and pedestrians affected by the closure is via: -

Hoscar Moss Road – Wanes Blade Road – Mains Lane, Bispham – B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham – Robin Lane, Wrightington – B5246 Chorley Road, Wrightington – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – Ring O Bells Lane – Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

Access to pedestrians will be maintained.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing maintenance works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 2301 hours on Monday 20 May 2013 until 0530 hours on Tuesday 21 May 2013, or until completion of the works if earlier.

Paul Dunne, Public Realm Manager Preston and South Ribble
Lancashire Highway Services, Lancashire County Council, 0845 053 0011
[Ref: HEM/226/8/806/GLH]

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LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice of application for a Premises License variation for The Green Room, 39 Moor Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2AA.

We, iKO Ventures Limited, have applied to West Lancashire District Council to remove the entry curfew condition from the Premises License for the above property. The application may be inspected at West Lancashire District Council Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9:30am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can also be obtained from the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk.

Any 'Interested Party' may make representations in writing to the council regarding the application before 29th May 2013. It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is liable to a fine of £5,000.

Dated Monday 02nd May 2013

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BROOK LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Brook Lane, Ormskirk, from outside number 2 Brook Lane to outside number 20 Brook Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Small Lane – A570 St Helens Road – Scarth Hill Lane – Altys Lane and vice versa

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable installation of road crossing for electric connection works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 15th May 2013 until 1700 hours on Thursday 16th May 2013, or until completion of the works if earlier.

Paul Dunne, Public Realm Manager,
Area Office, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6BS.
[Ref: HEM/226/8/835/AM]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEW LANE LEVEL CROSSING, NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, from proceeding over that length of New lane, Burscough for a distance of 20 metres either side of the New Lane Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

New Lane – Crabtree Lane – Red Cat Lane – Tarlscough Lane, March Moss Lane and vice versa.

Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential level crossing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 2325 hours on Saturday 11 May 2013 until 0540 hours on Monday 13 May 2013, or until completion of the works within this period.

Paul Dunne, Public Realm Manager Preston and South Ribble,
Lancashire Highway Services, Lancashire County Council.
0845 053 0011
[Ref: HEM/226/8/818/SH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTON DRIVE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Cotton Drive, Ormskirk, from its junction with Halsall Lane to its junction with Brookhouse Road, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Cotton Drive –Brookhouse Road – Halsall Lane and vice versa

Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 6 May 2013 until 1700 hours on Wednesday 15 May 2013, or until completion of the works if earlier.

Paul Dunne, Public Realm Manager,
Area Office, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6BS.
[Ref: HEM/226/8/829/AM]

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Ian

The family would like to thank all friends for their kind support during Ian's illness and for their subsequent messages of condolence and attendance at the funeral. Also for the many generous donations to Leukemia Research. Special thanks to Ian's colleagues at Iceland for their many years of support and friendship. Our gratitude goes to the staff at Liverpool Royal University Hospital for their long kindness and support for Ian. Grateful thanks to Bill Dawson and Uncle Fred for their words of comfort at the funeral service. Warm thanks to Hardmans Funeral Services for their dignified arrangements and personal caring touch.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

PORTER
Alan
11th May
Birthday Memories

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence I often speak your name, All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part, God has you in his keeping, we have you in our heart.

A loving son and wonderful uncle, so sadly missed, we think of you everyday with fond memories.

Love you loads Alan
All our love
Mum, Dad and Liam
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Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday the 10th of May at 3.20pm.
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IN MEMORIAM

DORAN
Sheila
9th May 2010

3 Long years since you went away but in our thoughts and hearts you stay. Miss your smile, miss your laugh, miss your voice, miss your hugs and kisses, miss your love, but most of all She, I miss you.
Your Bill.

Miss you Mum

Miss you Nan, Stephen, Jema and Ella
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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **V.H.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 42366

PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **A.R.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 42347

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **M.B.**

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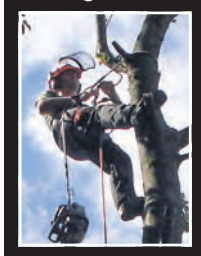

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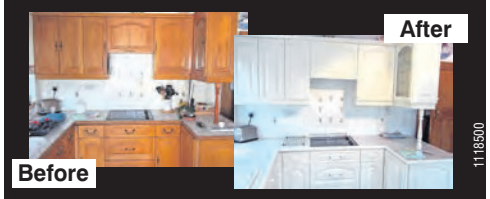

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Ordinary hatchbacks masquerading as off–roaders – or crossovers, as the estate agents of the motoring world would rather you and I call them – have been around for ages, as anyone familiar with the Talbot Matra Rancho (well worth a cheeky Google, by the way) will testify. The recent renaissance really took off when Nissan dropped saloons entirely and replaced the Primera with the Qashqai, following it up with the weirder but usefully smaller Juke. Since then Skoda, Renault, Chevrolet, and MINI are among the car makers vying for a chomp at the crossover cake, with Vauxhall and Peugeot set to join the party later this year.

The only problem with crossovers is they essentially fall into two categories. There's the deliberately trendy, lifestyle–orientated offerings like the MINI Countryman and the Nissan Juke, which like Justin Bieber downloads sell in their shedloads but somehow make your mind ache slightly at their very existence.

I worry, just a little bit, that MG's gone for the wrong approach of the two – if their proposed offering, the CS is anything to go by. The new car suggests to me that MG's Chinese owners have chickened out and gone for the most derivative approach possible. Even the name's boring; MG CS sounds like somewhere you'd buy a three piece suite in a Bank Holiday sale.

To summarise, crossovers are generally duller than a wet weekend in Northampton.

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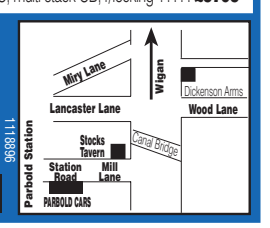

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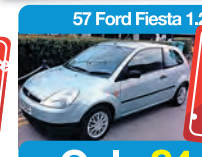

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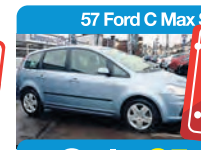

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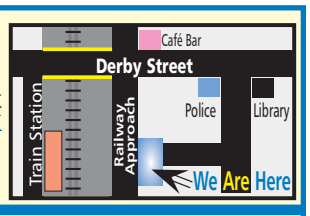

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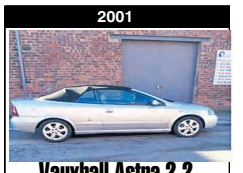
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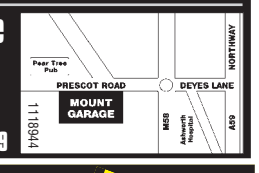

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King's Lynn Town 1
Skelmersdale United 6

UNITED made the long trip down to Norfolk and returned with a second trophy, but they didn't just win the play–off between the two regional division champions, they took apart their opponents, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

It was an opinion shared by a local Norfolk journalist who commented: "Skelmersdale passed us off the park."

Skelmersdale started fluently and scored in the 21 and 23 minutes.

Wright was performing his 'Kaiser Franz' role in the middle of the park turned on the ball strolled on and released Hine. As Lynn goalkeeper Alex Street came out to meet him, Hine rolled the ball sideways to give Jackson the easiest goal he will have scored this season.

Wright orchestrated the second goal too, setting Morning away at pace down the left, the winger still had plenty to do though and his clever ball inside to Hine saw the striker keep his cool before finding the net.

King's Lynn upped their game for ten minutes but Skelmersdale were resolute at the back.

Skelmersdale scored next, Morning running onto a finely weighted through ball in the 35th minute before blasting the ball low into the net.

Before the break, Skem might have had two more, Street making a save from Antony Hickey then a magnificent one coming off his line as Hine was clean in.

King's Lynn were quick out of the blocks after the interval but United soon settled back into their passing style.

Hine had a shot deflected over the crossbar and Matty Hughes clipped the home crossbar in the 62nd minute.

A minute later though Lynn pulled a goal back from the penalty spot after Rob McIntosh committed a foul in the area.

Fifteen minutes from time the ball was switched from left to right, Kenny Strickland swept the ball into the box, where Hine lost his marker and headed across Street into the net.

Just to finish the season with a flourish Skelmersdale kept going and Hine hit two more goals, the first a tap–in after Andy Griffiths and Mike Phenix combined to set him up, followed by the coup–de–grace, a chip from 25 yards.

Skem finish with a ton of points

Skelmersdale United 2
Ramsbottom United 1

RAMSBOTTOM began the day requiring a point to keep their promotion hopes alive with a place in the play–offs and it looked like they had it in the bag, but then fell foul to Skelmersdale's team spirit.

It was an even encounter with both teams sharing the few first–half chances. Ramsbottom's best fell to Andrew Dawson in the third minute, but he put the ball over the crossbar and other than a scramble in the 27th minute that was ended by a Sam Ashton save.

The game changed in the 80th minute when Ramsbottom won a free–kick and the ball was lofted to the far–post, Dawson lost his marker and drifted a header over the defenders and inside the opposite post.

Ramsbottom went on the defensive but within two minutes Skem equalised. A Morning corner went to the far post, Dale Wright headed it back across goal and Antony Hickey headed home from about three yards out.

Strickland saw a deflected free–kick go over the crossbar then Hickey hit the crossbar with a header.

In the second minute of added time, Skem worked the ball into the centre and it dropped to Hughes some twelve yards from goal. He rifled the ball low into the corner and Skem's 110th league goal of the season had brought the 102nd point.

Linnets end with a draw but hope for future

Burscough 1
Wakefield 1

BURSCOUGH finished off the campaign with a disappointing draw at home to Wakefield, and they ending the game with ten men.

Niall Cummins had put the Linnets in front on 49 minutes, only to be pegged back eight minutes from time when Lee Turner swept home from the right for Wakefield.

Burscough's Phil Clarke was then dismissed in injury time for a reckless and needless challenge.

The home side dominated throughout and star man Bevan Burey's tireless work rate was a standout feature of an otherwise mediocre game, the winger unlucky not to be on the score sheet despite a number of chances.

The Linnets will be disappointed to have dropped three points but this young squad can look forward to a strong 2013/14.

Campaign opens with maximum points win

SKELMERSDALE opened their league campaign with a max–imum points victory at home to Sutton (St Helens) with man of the match being Ben Maddocks for his 42 runs and five wickets.

Openers Joe Till and Jonas Smith got Skelmersdale off to the ideal start putting on 66 before Till was caught for 29.

Smith misjudged an Andrew Dodd delivery, and was bowled for 35 but Hasnain Abbas then came in and set about the bowling for an excellent 62.

There was misfortune for Sutton when top order batsmen Andrew Hughes needed hospital treatment after he crashed into a pitch side bench attempting to save a six from Abbas, and so took no further part in the game.

Skelmersdale declared on 234 for 5 in the 43rd over.

Sutton's openers put on 39 when Gary Greener was caught and bowled by Maddocks for 20. Ten runs later and Shaun Anders bowled by Maddocks.

Maddocks soon claimed two more wickets, leaving Sutton on 83 for 4. Hockenhull was bowled by Abbas for 24, wickets fell steadily and Sutton were all out for 119 in the 45th over.

Skelmersdale conceded their Ray Digman Trophy tie against Leigh on Monday.

Ormskirk start with 6 wicket win

NICKY Caunce took four wickets and Liam Hurt and Chris Smith two each as Ormskirk dismissed Lytham for just 87 before wrapping up a six wicket victory with Matthew Morgan scoring 23 not out.

In the Second Division Burscough lost by 47 runs at Helens Town, the hosts put 221–9 dec on the board with Michael Stark (52) top scoring, whilst Matthew White (3–37) and Gary Taylor (3–47) took the bowling honours. In reply a rapid 62 from opener Lee Berrie helped Burscough to 84–1 before a mid and late order batting collapse saw them bowled out for 174.

On Monday in the Ray Digman Trophy tie Bursough hammered Ainsdale by nine wickets with Chris Andrews taking three wickets the as the visitors were dismissed for just 102. In reply openers Lee Berrie scored 44 and Michael Bimpson 43 not out.

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